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SUBJECT: VOLAG - FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY

REF: NOUAKCHOTT 960

1. APPRECIATE UPDATE CONTAINED REFTEL AS WELL EMBASSY
INTEREST AND ASSISTANCE FFH AS FIRST US VOLAG TO CONCEN-
TRATE EMPHASIS MAURITANIAN NEEDS.

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2. PER PARA 4 REFTEL: FFH IN FINAL STAGES PREPARATION

SUPPORT DOCUMENTATION FOR APPLICATION AS REQUIRED FOR
CONSIDERATION OF REGISTRATION BY AID'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ON VOLUNTARY FOREIGN AID.

3. REGISTRATION ONLY PERMITS VOLAGS PARTICIPATE IN AID-
SUPPORTED OVERSEAS FREIGHT REIMBURSEMENT, PL 480 AND EXCESS
PROPERTY PROGRAMS WHICH GOVERNED BY -AID REGULATIONS.
ALBEIT, ELIGIBILITY FOR THESE THREE SUBVENTIONS ARE ONLY
DISTINCTIONS USG MAKES BETWEEN VOLAGS WHO SUCCESSFULLY
COMPLETE REGISTRATION PROCESS AND THOSE WHO DO NOT APPLY
OR DO NOT QUALIFY. IN SHORT, EMBASSY RELATIONS WITH FFH
OR ANY OTHER VOLAG SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE CONDITIONED
BY VOLAG'S REGISTRATION OR LACK THEREOF.

4. NOR DOES REGISTRATION OBLIGATE OR OTHERWISE MAKE
MISSIONS LIABLE FOR VOLAG CONDUCT. LEGAL ACCOUNTABILITY OF

FFH AS WITH ANY OTHER PRIVATE ORGANIZATION DEPENDS UPON
AGREEMENT BETWEEN PRIVATE ORGANIZATION, USG, HOST
COUNTRY OFFICIALS CONCERNED AND LAWS/REGULATIONS INVOLVED
IN EACH CASE. FFH HAS NO AGREEMENT INVOLVING USG, THUS
EMBASSY NOT LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR FFH ACTIONS. SHOULD
FFH ENTER AGREEMENT INVOLVING USG, SUCH AS SELF-HELP OR
R/R ACTIVITY IN MAURITANIA, THE AGREEMENT WOULD SPELL
OUT LEGAL RESPONSIBILITIES. THUS FAR, FFH HAS NO PROGRAM
INVOLVING USG ASSISTANCE IN MAURITANIA, OR ELSEWHERE TO
OUR KNOWLEDGE.

5. FFH CLEARLY ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITIES AND YOUR REPORT
OF ARRANGEMENTS WITH MINHEALTH CORROBORATES OUR INFOR-
MATION. FFH SEEMS EAGER TO DO EVERYTHING RIGHT, AND
WOULD HOPE EMBASSY CONTINUES EXTENSION COURTESIES AND
CONTACT WITH FFH TO ENSURE THINGS ARE ON TRACK. AS FIRST
VOLAG TO ATTEMPT SUCH RELATIONSHIP WITH MAURITANIA,
WOULD ASSUME FFH OPERATIONS WILL CONDITION MAURITANIANS
REGARDING FUTURE OVERTURES FROM OTHER AGENCIES.

6. FYI: ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NO FURTHER WORD FROM INTER-
NATIONAL VOLUNTARY SERVICES, WE REALIZE CATHOLIC RELIEF
SERVICES CONSIDERING EXPANDING FROM RELIEF AID THRU CARI-
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TAS TO MORE INDEPENDENT DEVELOPMENT AID FOR MAURITANIA.
ASSUME CRS REP DAKAR AS MORE UPDATED INFO ON THIS. ADO/
DAKAR MAY WISH COMMUNICATE SUCH INFO NOUAKCHOTT AND
AID/W. END FYI. INGERSOLL

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